

Friends Meeting House
Lincoln, Rhode Island
Providence County
Saylesville, VICINITY

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FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND
Saylesville Vicinity
PROVIDENCE County

Owner:

Organization of Friends or Quakers

Date of Erection:

Western portion built in 1704. The larger eastern portion was built forty years later.

Architect:

Unknown

Builder:

Unknown

Present Condition:

Good

Number of Stories:

Western portion, 1½ stories
Eastern portion, 2½ stories

Materials of Construction:

Frame structure

Other Existing Records:


Field's History, Vol II. Photograph exterior, P.113. Quote: "Erected in 1704 by descendants of Thomas Arnold, a well-known coadjutor of Roger Williams, the meeting house is presumed to be the oldest Quaker Meeting House still standing in Rhode Island.

Handbook of Historical Sites in Rhode Island by Providence Department of Public School, printed in 1936. Reference P.60. Quote: "It is an interesting specimen of the Old Time Meeting House. The Mounting Stone by means of which women mounted to their Pillions is still in the yard.

"Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Providence", photograph P.391, exterior. Quote: "The oldest now standing in the State. The smaller western portion was built in 1704. The larger eastern portion was built some forty years later. The two parts are separable by a movable partition and worship is frequently held in the old meeting house with its primitive dimensions."

NOTE:

See statement of old Caretaker transcribed in back of Field Book of this structure.


Philip D. Greer
District Officer for
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